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# H. J. RES. 31

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with  
respect to the right to life.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 23, 1999

Mr. OBERSTAR (for himself, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. HULSHOF, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. BARCIA, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin, Mr. HAYES, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. LUCAS of Kentucky, and Mr. PHELPS) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United  
States with respect to the right to life.

1       *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2       *of the United States of America in Congress assembled*  
3       *(two-thirds of each House concurring therein),*     That the  
4       following article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-  
5       stitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all  
6       intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when  
7       ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several

1 States within seven years after the date of final passage  
2 of this joint resolution:

3 “ARTICLE —

4 “SECTION 1. With respect to the right to life, the  
5 word ‘person’ as used in this article and in the fifth and  
6 fourteenth articles of amendment to the Constitution of  
7 the United States applies to all human beings irrespective  
8 of age, health, function, or condition of dependency, in-  
9 cluding their unborn offspring at every stage of their bio-  
10 logical development.

11 “SECTION 2. No unborn person shall be deprived of  
12 life by any person: *Provided, however,* That nothing in this  
13 article shall prohibit a law permitting only those medical  
14 procedures required to prevent the death of the mother.

15 “SECTION 3. The Congress and the several States  
16 shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate leg-  
17 islation.”

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